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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: DATA OUTPUT CONTROL APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 18, 2002, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 as currently written satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and thus all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action requests a copy of the search report for the PCT application from which this application claims priority. The search report was submitted as part of an

Information Disclosure Statement on August 9, 2001. Thus, the request for information is satisfied.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that a data output control apparatus comprising a means for receiving a print request from a portable device is not enabled by the disclosure. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A means for receiving a print request from a portable device is disclosed in the specification at least at page 14, lines 3-8 of the specification. Specifically, this portion of the specification discloses that each of the WWW servers ds1 to dsm include a request processing unit which, in response to a terminal connected to the Internet 400, such as the junction station 210 and the data output control terminal 300, transmits the data in the storage unit to the terminal. Thus, a print request is transmitted to the data output control apparatus via the data output control terminal 300. The feature of a data output control apparatus including a means for receiving a print request is fully supported by the specification so that the rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is improper. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petition for Extension of Time

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